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TEXTILE EXPORT POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the textiles export policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the target fixed for the current year; and

(c) the details of projections of production and exports of cotton, textile and cotton yarn during the next three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) There is no separate textile export policy as such. However, the exports of textiles and clothing items face restraints in countries like USA, European Union and Canada. In order to optimise utilisation of restraint levels, maximise export earnings and facilitate orderly development of our textile industry, Government announces Export Entitlement (Quota) Policies from time to time. The Policies for the period 2000-2004 were announced on 12th November 1999.

(b) The important features of the new Policies include, phased utilisation of quota; linking of quota with new investment made in plant and machinery which meets the eligibility criterion of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and making the new investment quota entitlements non-transferable. The textile export target has been fixed at US $ 15,532 million for the year 2000-2001 as against the target of US $ 14,385 for 1999-2000.

(c) There are many complex parameters governing the growth of a dynamic and fast changing sector like textiles, some of which are non-quantifiable, and thus it would not be feasible to give reliable projections based on rigorous statistical methods. According to the statistics compiled by Textile Commissioner, the production of cotton yarn was 2173 million kgs and cotton fabrics 18486 million sq. meters during the period April-December, 1999. The figures of exports of cotton textiles and cotton yarn during 1999-2000 along with export targets for 2000-2001 are given below:-

(Figures in million US dollars)

Item	Exports (1999-2000)	Export Targets (2000-2001
Cotton yarn	1543.2	1700
Cotton textiles	2540.9	3050